



**MHSOAC Transition Age Youth RFP
Questions and Responses
(October 10, 2017)**

- 1. *What does it mean to be a statewide organization? Does the nonprofit need to be incorporated in the state of CA? Does it need to be headquartered there? Or simply have a presence and show evidence of statewide impact?***

Organizations are required to have the ability/capacity to conduct activities throughout the State. There is no requirement that the nonprofit be incorporated or headquartered in the State, however the nonprofit organization must legally be qualified/registered to do business in California.

- 2. *Does 51% of staff or board mean that percentage age 16-25? Are advisory committees included? Is that requirement defined as individuals who have been treated in the public health care system, or who may have experience with working within it?***

51% of the board and/or staff must be transition age youth that are between the ages of 16-25 years old that have direct, lived experience receiving services in the public mental health system. The board as referenced in the requirement refers to the governing board or board of directors of the lead organization performing the work. Advisory committees are not considered the same as the board of directors and will not be counted.

- 3. *We remember that last time this RFP was awarded, there was some communication to the contenders that many did not qualify (perhaps it was all but the awardee). Can you please explain what might have disqualified so many potential vendors so that this does not occur this time? We are aware of the qualifications listed in the RFP, but there seemed to be something else that made so many ineligible last time.***

The intent of the Q & A is to provide clarity regarding the contents and requested qualifications as outlined in the RFP. This question falls outside of the scope of this procurement. However, after a procurement process is complete (e.g. contract awarded), the MHSOAC offers vendors an opportunity to have a debrief of their own proposal. A debrief cannot be conducted while an active procurement for related services is in progress.